

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings and versions of claims in this application. Please amend claims 15, 33, 38, 41, 42, and 44, and add new claims 45-48, as follows:

1-14. (Cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) A case for a product, comprising:

a base defining at least one housing configured to contain a product, the base including a first catch member, and the housing including a bottom and an opening extending substantially in a plane that is non-perpendicular with respect to the bottom;

an intermediate element including a second catch member configured to engage with the first catch member to irreversibly lock the intermediate element to the base; and

a lid articulated on the base via the intermediate element,

wherein the intermediate element is configured to pivot relative to both the lid and the base so as to allow the lid to pivot through 360° relative to the base, and

wherein the case is configured so that when the first catch member and the second catch member engage to irreversibly lock the intermediate element to the base, the intermediate element is arranged substantially entirely on one side of said plane.

16. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 15, wherein the case is configured so that when the first catch member and the second catch member engage to irreversibly lock the intermediate element to the base, both the intermediate element and the base are arranged substantially entirely on said one side of the plane.

17. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 15, wherein the first catch member and the second catch member are configured to engage with one another via snap fitting.

18. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 15, wherein one of the first and second catch member is configured to flex elastically in a direction perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the intermediate element.

19. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 15, wherein the intermediate element comprises:

a first longitudinal edge;

a second longitudinal edge opposite the first longitudinal edge;

a first articulation axis being located in the vicinity of the first longitudinal edge;

and

a second articulation axis being located in the vicinity of the second longitudinal edge.

20. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 19, wherein the case is formed as a single piece.

21. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 20, wherein the case is formed by molding.

22. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 20, wherein the first and second articulation axes each comprise a film hinge.

23. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 20, wherein the case is made of polyolefin.

24. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 23, wherein the polyolefin is polypropylene.

25. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 19, wherein at least one of the first and second articulation axes comprises an attached pin hinge.

26. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 25, wherein the base and the intermediate element are connected by a film hinge and the lid and the intermediate element are connected by the attached pin hinge.

27. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 25, wherein the lid is made of a material chosen from urea formaldehyde, acrylobutadiene styrene, polyoxymethylene, and polystyrene acrylonitrile.

28. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 15, further comprising product contained in the housing, wherein the product comprises a cosmetic product.

29. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 28, wherein the cosmetic product is a make-up product.

30. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 15, wherein the case defines a receptacle, and the at least one housing comprises at least one compartment defined in the receptacle.

31. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 15, further comprising a reversible locking means for reversibly locking the lid to the base in a closed position.

32. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 15, wherein one of the first catch member and second catch member comprises a hook shape, and the other of the first catch member and the second catch member comprises an opening.

33. (Currently Amended) A case for a product, comprising:
a base defining at least one housing configured to contain a product, the base including a first catch member;
an intermediate element including a second catch member configured to engage with the first catch member to irreversibly lock the intermediate element to the base; and
a lid articulated on the base via the intermediate element,
wherein the intermediate element is configured to pivot relative to both the lid and the base so as to allow the lid to pivot through 360° relative to the base,

wherein the base defines a lateral wall being delimited by both a ~~first~~ top edge adjacent the lid when the lid is in a closed position relative to the base and a ~~second~~ bottom edge opposite the ~~first~~ top edge, and

wherein the first catch member is arranged along the lateral wall at a distance from the first edge.

34. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 33, further comprising a product contained in the housing, wherein the product comprises a cosmetic product.

35. (Previously Presented) A case for a product, comprising:
a base defining at least one housing configured to contain a product, the base including a first catch member;

an intermediate element formed as a single piece with the base and including a second catch member configured to mate with the first catch member to lock the intermediate element to the base; and

a lid articulated on the base via the intermediate element,
wherein the intermediate element is configured to pivot relative to both the lid and the base so as to allow the lid to pivot through 360° relative to the base,

wherein the base defines a lateral wall being delimited by both a first edge adjacent the lid when the lid is in a closed position relative to the base and a second edge opposite the first edge,

wherein the first catch member is arranged along the lateral wall, and

wherein the intermediate element rotates with respect to the base about an articulation axis arranged substantially at the second edge.

36. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 35, further comprising a product contained in the housing, wherein the product comprises a cosmetic product.

37. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 35, wherein the base and the intermediate element are connected by a film hinge.

38. (Currently Amended) A case for a product, comprising:
a base defining at least one housing configured to contain a product, the base including a first catch member, and the housing including a bottom and an opening extending substantially in a plane that is non-perpendicular with respect to the bottom;
an intermediate element formed as a single piece with the base and including a second catch member configured to mate with the first catch member to lock the intermediate element to the base; and
a lid articulated on the base via the intermediate element,
wherein the intermediate element is configured to pivot relative to both the lid and the base so as to allow the lid to pivot through 360° relative to the base, and
wherein the case is configured so that when the first catch member and the second catch member mate to lock the intermediate element to the base, the intermediate element is arranged substantially entirely on one side of said plane.

39. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 38, further comprising a product contained in the housing, wherein the product comprises a cosmetic product.

40. (Previously Presented) The case of claim 38, wherein the base and the intermediate element are connected by a film hinge.

41. (Currently Amended) A case for a product, comprising:
a base defining at least one housing configured to contain a product, the base including first means for catching, and the housing including a bottom and an opening extending substantially in a plane that is non-perpendicular with respect to the bottom;
an intermediate element including second means for catching, the first means for catching being engageable with the second means for catching to irreversibly lock the intermediate element to the base; and
a lid articulated on the base via the intermediate element,
wherein the intermediate element is configured to pivot relative to both the lid and the base so as to allow the lid to pivot through 360° relative to the base, and
wherein the case is configured so that when the first means for catching and the second means for catching engage to irreversibly lock the intermediate element to the base, the intermediate element is arranged substantially entirely on one side of said plane.

42. (Currently Amended) A case for a product, comprising:

a base defining at least one housing configured to contain a product, the base including first means for catching;

an intermediate element including second means for catching, the first means for catching being engageable with the second means for catching to irreversibly lock the intermediate element to the base; and

a lid articulated on the base via the intermediate element,

wherein the intermediate element is configured to pivot relative to both the lid and the base so as to allow the lid to pivot through 360° relative to the base,

wherein the base defines a lateral wall being delimited by both a first top edge adjacent the lid when the lid is in a closed position relative to the base and a second bottom edge opposite the first top edge, and

wherein the first means for catching is arranged along the lateral wall at a distance from the first edge.

43. (Previously Presented) A case for a product, comprising:

a base defining at least one housing configured to contain a product, the base including first means for catching;

an intermediate element formed as a single piece with the base and including second means for catching, the first means for catching being mateable with the second means for catching to lock the intermediate element to the base; and

a lid articulated on the base via the intermediate element,

wherein the intermediate element is configured to pivot relative to both the lid and the base so as to allow the lid to pivot through 360° relative to the base,

wherein the base defines a lateral wall being delimited by both a first edge adjacent the lid when the lid is in a closed position relative to the base and a second edge opposite the first edge,

wherein the first means for catching is arranged along the lateral wall, and

wherein the intermediate element rotates with respect to the base about an articulation axis arranged substantially at the second edge.

44. (Currently Amended) A case for a product, comprising:

a base defining at least one housing configured to contain a product, the base including first means for catching, and the housing including a bottom and an opening extending substantially in a plane that is non-perpendicular with respect to the bottom;

an intermediate element formed as a single piece with the base and including second means for catching, the first means for catching being mateable with the second means for catching to lock the intermediate element to the base; and

a lid articulated on the base via the intermediate element,

wherein the intermediate element is configured to pivot relative to both the lid and the base so as to allow the lid to pivot through 360° relative to the base, and

wherein the case is configured so that when the first means for catching and the second means for catching mate to lock the intermediate element to the base, the intermediate element is arranged substantially entirely on one side of said plane.

45. (New) The case of claim 44, wherein said plane is substantially parallel to the bottom.

46. (New) The case of claim 15, wherein said plane is substantially parallel to the bottom.

47. (New) The case of claim 38, wherein said plane is substantially parallel to the bottom.

48. (New) The case of claim 41, wherein said plane is substantially parallel to the bottom.